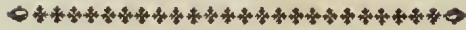


NEPA LINEARIS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum inflexum.

Antennæ breves.

Alæ quatuor cruciatio-complicatæ, antèrius coriaceæ.

Pedes anteriores cheliformes, reliqui quatuor ambulatorii.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 2120.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

NEPA linearis, manibus spina laterali pollicatis.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 714.

NEPA corpore lineari.

Geoffr. ins. Par. 1. p. 480. t. 10.

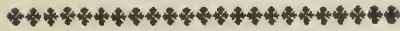
Locusta aquatica Mouffeti.

Raj. ins. 59.

In aquis majoribus stagnantibus innata Nepa linearis corpus quidem non bellum sortita est, sed certe inusitatius conformatum. Noctu præcipue volans iisdem fere insectis minoribus vescitur quibus Nepa vulgaris seu cinerea. Eadem, ut plurimum, est magnitudine quam ostendit tabula.



THE
LINEAR NEPA.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Beak inflected.

Antennæ short.

Wings four ; closing in a crossed direction ; coriaceous on their upper part.

Feet anterior cheliform ; the remaining four formed for walking.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Brown linear NEPA, with the fore legs marked by a lateral spine.

Geoffr. ins. Par. 1. p. 480. pl. 10. f. 1.

Degeer. ins. 3. p. 369. pl. 19. f. 1, 2.

Swammerd. bibl. nat. p. 233. t. 3. f. 9.

Roes. ins. 3. p. 141. t. 23.

The *Nepa linearis*, an insect of a singular rather than agreeable appearance, is a native of the larger kind of stagnant waters, and is generally of the size represented on the plate. Like the *Nepa cinerea* or common water-scorpion, it preys on the smaller aquatic insects, and, like that species, flies principally by night.